

Talking Points for Senate File 498

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1. The bill's proposed data classification protects the privacy rights of victims, witnesses and average citizens and also includes important safeguards that will ensure officer accountability and community transparency.
2. This is a compromise bill that came about following 18 months of thoughtful, thorough conversations, testimony and negotiations with lawmakers, privacy advocates and key stakeholders.
3. This bill is necessary this legislative session as the current data practice laws fail to address the new data collected by body-worn cameras. And for background, we know that at least 40 agencies in Minnesota already have cameras with dozens more waiting to implement the technology.